



Barry Gaskins Mentor Legacy Award

Deadline: March 13, 2026

The [Barry Gaskins Mentor Legacy Award](#) recognizes a practicing school public relations professional for outstanding efforts in mentoring colleagues new to school PR, for providing counsel and advice on job success, and for assisting colleagues in their professional development by creating or offering programs and activities designed to improve PR skills and knowledge. This award is given in memory of Barry Gaskins, APR, an NSPRA past president who was known for his deep commitment to supporting and mentoring colleagues as well as for his passion for public education. The award is presented during a General Session of the NSPRA National Seminar.

Use the form below to nominate an eligible colleague for the 2026 award. As a reminder, eligible nominees must:

- Hold membership as a professional or professional partner in NSPRA.
- Belong to their state NSPRA chapter (unless nominee's state has no chapter).
- Hold (or have held during their career) a full-time school PR position for a minimum of five years.

Any professional or professional partner member of NSPRA may submit one nomination, but current NSPRA Executive Board members and NSPRA staff are ineligible for nomination.

As part of the selection process, the selection committee considers whether the nominee:

- Is actively engaged in mentoring colleagues new to the school PR profession;
- Unselfishly gives of their time to counsel and advise colleagues on a range of issues;
- Shares expertise by providing professional development training for chapter members and others, and presents workshops/sessions at state and national conferences, including the NSPRA National Seminar;
- Has developed materials or programs designed to help new school PR professionals succeed and thrive in their jobs and the profession;
- Practices strategic communication management and effective public engagement processes;
- Demonstrates excellent personal communication skills and models the NSPRA Code of Ethics;
- Believes in the importance of ongoing professional development, advocates the value of accreditation in public relations (APR), and encourages colleagues to pursue APR (ideal candidate also is APR); and
- Demonstrates a commitment to supporting fellow NSPRA members through regular outreach, encouragement and acknowledgement of their efforts to promote public education as a cornerstone of our democracy.

Read more about the award [here](#) and submit a nomination below. The deadline to submit a nomination is March 13, 2026.

Submission Title *

Please complete the information below about YOURSELF.

First Name *

Last Name *

Job Title *

District/Organization *

Address *

Street:

Line2:

City:

CountryCode:

State:

Zip:

Email Address ***Phone Number *****Are you a current NSPRA member? ***

Select one option

- Yes
- No

Are you a current member of a state/regional SPRA chapter of NSPRA? *

Select one option

- Yes
- No

Of which SPRA are you a member? *

Select one option

- Alabama School Public Relations Association (ALSPRA)
- Arizona School Public Relations Association (ASPRA)
- Arkansas School Public Relations Association (ArkanSPRA)
- California School Public Relations Association (CalSPRA)
- Chesapeake School Public Relations Association (CHESPRA)
- Colorado School Public Relations Association (COSPRA)
- Florida: Sunshine State School Public Relations Association (SunSPRA)
- Georgia School Public Relations Association (GSPRA)
- Idaho School Public Relations Association (IdSPRA)
- Illinois School Public Relations Association (INSPRA)
- Indiana School Public Relations Association (INDSPRA)
- Iowa School Public Relations Association (ISPRA)
- Kansas School Public Relations Association (KanSPRA)
- Kentucky School Public Relations Association (KYSPRA)
- Louisiana School Public Relations Association (LASPRA)
- Michigan School Public Relations Association (MSPRA)
- Minnesota School Public Relations Association (MinnSPRA)
- Mississippi School Public Relations Association (MSPRA)
- Missouri School Public Relations Association (MOSPRA)
- Nebraska School Public Relations Association (NebSPRA)
- New England School Public Relations Association (NESPRA)
- New Jersey School Public Relations Association (NJSPRA)
- New York School Public Relations Association (NYSPRA)
- North Carolina School Public Relations Association (NCSPRA)
- Ohio School Public Relations Association (OHSPRA)
- Oklahoma School Public Relations Association (OKSPRA)
- Oregon School Public Relations Association (OSPRA)
- Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association (PenSPRA)
- South Carolina Chapter of NSPRA (SC/NSPRA)
- Tennessee School Public Relations Association (TNSPRA)
- Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA)
- Utah School Public Relations Association (USPRA)
- Washington School Public Relations Association (WSPRA)
- Wisconsin School Public Relations Association (WSPRA)

Please complete the information below about your **NOMINEE**.

Nominee's First Name *

Nominee's Last Name *

Nominee's Job Title *

Nominee's District/Organization *

Nominee's Address *

Street:

Line2:

City:

CountryCode:

State:

Zip:

Nominee's Email Address *

Nominee's Phone Number *

Check any credentials that apply for your nominee.

Select one or more options

- Accredited in Public Relations (APR)
- Ed.D.
- Ph.D.
- Other

Please specify: *

Is the nominee a current NSPRA member? *

Select one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Is the nominee a current member of a state/regional SPRA chapter of NSPRA? *

Select one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Of which SPRA is your nominee a member? *

Select one option

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Why should the nominee be considered for the award? In your statement, include examples of how the nominee meets the listed criteria for consideration. *

Attach a copy of the nominee's resume. *

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Attach a minimum of two letters of support. Additional letters of support may be submitted. Please do NOT attach any materials beyond letters of support. *

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